

DAY OF OUR MOTHERS

Whole United States to Honor Them on Sunday, May 9.

GO BACK HOME IF YOU CAN.

White Carnations Will Be Worn by All Observers—Sponsor for Celebration is Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia. Touching Appeal of a Mother Longing to See Her Boy.

Mother's day, the second Sunday in May, will be celebrated this year in every section of the United States. This year for the first time the deeds of our pioneer mothers will be given official recognition by the military of the United States. General Edgar Allen, Jr., commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans, has been the first officer to recognize the merit of the demonstration and has issued orders to his comrades for a general observance of Mother's day.

In his notice General Allen says: "A great movement has been inaugurated to do honor to our mothers. Our mothers are our best friends. No day has ever been set aside for the honoring of their heroic deeds and memory. You will do honor to yourselves, your fathers and your mothers by observing this event in an appropriate way. No word of mine can add to the many laudable reasons why we, as Sons of Veterans, should honor this event."

The sponsor for this celebration is Miss Anna Jarvis of 2031 North Twelfth street, Philadelphia. The first effort to call the attention of the entire United States to the proposed celebration was made one year ago. Like many home products, it received greater recognition in other parts of the country. Throughout the south and west the idea spread with wonderful rapidity until mass meetings and public demonstrations of other kinds were organized and held before large audiences.

Necessarily of a sentimental origin and meaning, the celebration assumed its most significant aspect in the state prisons and penitentiaries. The grim walls of Leavenworth, Cherry Hill, Sing Sing and Nebraska prisons lost not a little of their sordidness, and hearts that had not been otherwise accessible were touched, maybe only for the instant in some cases, but even the shadow of the mother thought that fell left an impression that prompted the men to look forward to the celebration this year. More than that, white carnations—the symbol of the day and that which it celebrates—are to be given to the men. Letters from prisoners to governors of their states asking for just an hour's relief from the discipline governing them, have met with approval, and services will be held in the stone corridors and in the prison yards.

Miss Jarvis has been the recipient of many touching letters. In a feeble hand that spoke volumes of sorrow and trial a woman, who simply signed herself "His Mother," told a typical tale of a broken heart. In her letter this woman praised Miss Jarvis for her "godly thought" and said: "I have a son and three daughters. They are all good to me. I want for nothing, as I need but little. I am very feeble, and I know that I have not much longer to live. He writes to me, and when he gives me an address I write to him. He is so kind to me. He sends me money and everything, but will not come home. He is wandering all over the world, and I want him to come to his home if only for one night. If I could only see him and tell him how I love him I should feel that all the goodness that God intended for me in my old age was mine. I do not want his money. I am saving it all for him. But, oh, if he would only come to me before I die I should be so happy! Please pray for my boy with me and ask that he be sent home."

In this spirit, which surely appeals to every man and woman, wear a white carnation on the second Sunday in May and keep in your heart the thought of your mother. Go home if you can. If you can't, hold silent communion with her, for her thought will surely be of you.

Miss Jarvis' original idea embraced the simultaneous observance in every part of the world of the love and reverence which all men and women owe their mothers. The white carnation was especially chosen because of its whiteness, which stands for purity; its form and fragrance, representing beauty and love; its wide field of growth and lasting qualities, symbolizing charity and faithfulness—all a true mother's virtues.

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Many people object to taking the strong medicines usually prescribed by physicians for rheumatism. There is no need of internal treatment in any case of muscular or chronic rheumatism, and more than nine out of every ten cases of the disease are one or the other of these varieties. When there is no fever and little (if any) swelling, you may know that it is only necessary to apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely to get quick relief. Try it. For sale by Titusville Pharmacy.

Scottish Marriage Custom.

Many quaint marriage customs still survive in some old English and Scottish families. One notable tradition of this sort still kept green by the Dukes of Atholl and their heirs, says the London Lady's Realm, is that of the bridegroom carrying the bride across the threshold of Blair castle, it being in accord with an ancient tradition that it is unlucky for a bride who enters the castle for the first time to walk in the ordinary way. This is only one of the many quaint old feudal customs that are observed upon this estate, which the Duke of Atholl holds from the crown by one of those strange tenures which are occasionally to be found in Great Britain. Upon fear of forfeiture the owner has to present his sovereign with a white rose whenever he or she visits the castle.

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Not Taking Him.

A small negro boy was going along the street carrying a turtle by the tail when a ventriloquist standing near threw his voice over to the turtle and seemed to make it say, "Where is you all goin' with me?" The little negro heard the question and looked around with astonishment, but, not being entirely satisfied as to where the voice came from, walked on. Again the ventriloquist threw his voice over to the turtle and said, "I say, where is you all a-takin' me?"

This time the boy was satisfied that the turtle had been gifted with a miraculous power of speech and instantly dropped it on the sidewalk in consternation, exclaiming: "I isn't a-takin' you all nowhar. I has don dropped you!"—Exchange.

A Lucky Answer.

A famous animal painter says that when he was a boy he once witnessed a fight between two dogs, one of which belonged to an Irishman who was a retired prizefighter. The Irishman's dog was badly beaten, and the fact was a source of deep chagrin to the owner. He was very jealous of his dog's record, but as only he and the painter had seen the fight, he asked the latter in a decidedly significant way which of the dogs won.

"Why," was the reply, "your dog won, of course. He was underneath the other dog, but he was chewing the life out of the cur all the time." "That's roight," said the Irishman. "You have saved your loife."

The Clever Weaver Bird.

An interesting bird is the "weaver." It seems to be fond of making enormous nests merely for the purpose of exercise in the art of construction. Supply these birds with strings and straw, and they will use them up rapidly, and their fabric is woven with a perfectness that is astonishing. In some countries it is the custom of the weaver birds to colonize and build one big flat topped platform, two or three yards across, which is so admirably put together as to shed the rain as well as any roof could do. Under this roof they make individual pocket shaped nests, bringing up under this unique structure a large and interesting family of little weavers. There is another bird, called the "tailor," which, instead of weaving its nest, incloses it in big leaves and stitches the latter together with plant fibers, just as one would sew a piece of cloth.

The Power of Enthusiasm.

Enthusiasm is one magnet of power. You must fire every event with it, touch thoughts and acts with it. It will transmute dross into gold, drudgery into delight. What matters if the soul which lives beside you is cold and selfish? Set him a good example! Joy is sunshine, and he will feel it. Every irksome task is a chance for power, for the qualities which they bring out are God's gifts which fit us to enjoy better things. Easy things will come if you have spent your heart's blood on gaining strength, for the very goal of power is the ease which comes from strength. We laugh at things and people who used to cow or annoy us. We do gracefully and swiftly the tasks once so hard. One by one we have unriveted our chains. We are free! —Nautilus.

ANTIQUITY OF CHESS.

Origin In the Far East—Warriors Who Were Fond of Game.

Chess stands out separate and distinct from all other games. Its ambiguity counts for much. Nobody knows how old the game is or who invented it, but its origin was in the far east.

There are good grounds for saying that Charles the Great played chess, and from this time onward through the centuries the game must have been constantly played among the knights and courtiers of the west. John of Salisbury, the historian, tells of an incident that occurred some 300 years later than Charlemagne.

In the stress of a battle between French and English the game of chess was not forgotten. An English knight seized the bridle of King Louis le Gros and cried to his comrades, "The king is taken!" Louis, notwithstanding his carnal inebriation, more than equal to the English knight, struck him to the ground, exclaiming, "Know, Sir Knight, that at chess the king is never taken!"

At the very same time in the mysterious empire of the far east it was a daily custom of the heir of the Caesars, after spending sleepless nights in thinking how he could repel the hordes of the Mohammedans and maintain the cross against the crescent, morning after morning to collect around him his courtiers and friends to expel those cares which made his nights uneasy by the royal game of chess. So records Anna Commena of her imperial father, whom she loved and served so well.

At the time of the renaissance chess was much played in the highest Italian society. Pope Leo X. delighted in the game and himself possessed a set of silver chessmen. And as the game is of immemorial antiquity, so its virtues will maintain it so long as the world shall last. The first book printed by Caxton in the English language was "The Game and Playe of the Chesse."—Treasury Magazine.

Female Jesters.

Nothing better illustrates the dullness of society in the middle ages than the custom used by all high placed and wealthy persons of keeping a professional jester, nor was it confined to Christendom, for we read that Cortes found an individual of this profession at the court of Montezuma. Our modern clowns, though very different from the licensed jesters of old, owe to them, of course, their origin. But so far as is known the female jester, who was in vogue before the male, has no present representative. We are told by Erasmus that in all the great inns on the continent there was in his time a female official of this description who enlivened the company as she waited at table by witticisms and repartee. It should be added, however, that she was generally young and pretty. So late as 1858 we read in Mrs. Hornby's "Travels" that she found a female jester at Constantinople who was exceedingly amusing.

Nearly a Hero.

"Hands up!" The passengers on the Pullman car took in the situation at a glance and did exactly what the train robber told them to do.

At the points of his guns he relieved them of their valuables. But at the sight of one woman he paused with a start.

"Who are you, woman?" he demanded.

"I," she quavered, "am Miss Fay de Fluffie, the well known actress. Here are my jewels. Take them all!"

The holdup held up his head proudly.

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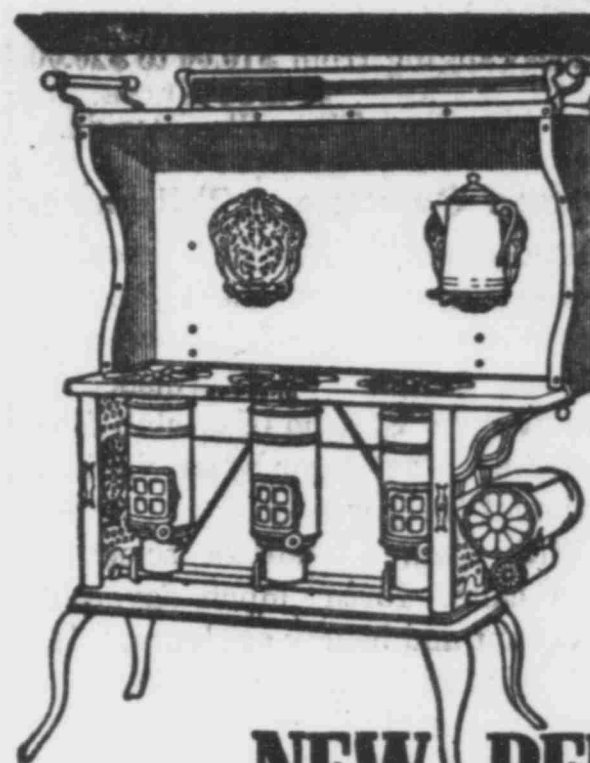
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The Poor Mother-in-law.

A Turkish paper tells this story: "Ibrahim Effendi, to whom things happened, did you perchance hear of the things? The effendi was crossing a river, bearing with him his mother-in-law and a bag of gold, his savings. Then rose the flood, which wrecked the vessel, and Ibrahim knew not at first which to save, the gold or his relative. Then, having taken counsel with himself, thought Ibrahim and spake: 'My gold will I save, for where can I get more gold? But Allah to me will give all the mothers-in-law that I need and perhaps more.' Then, having thus said, he thus did, and all the Turks said that he was wise."

Chinese Worship of Ancestors.

The one spiritual force that dominates every class of society in China is ancestor worship. In the Chinese religion there is no other that can take its place for a moment. A man may or may not worship idols. He may express his utter skepticism about them or profess belief in them. No one cares what he thinks. Let him, however, neglect the worship of the dead and he is looked upon and pointed to with the bitterest scorn both by his own relations and by his neighbors. The worst taunt that the heathen can hurl against the Christian, and the one that stings him most, is the sneering statement that he has no ancestors.—New York Tribune.



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